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Stepping Up as Stakeholders

RABBI ELLIOT J. COSGROVE

To be a Jew means, among other things, to believe that one's personal destiny is tied into a narrative both longer and larger than one's own individual welfare. As links in a sacred chain, we see ourselves as the bridge between Jewish communities past and future – endowed with both the opportunity and the obligation to maintain and strengthen the traditions of our people. Indeed, it is the act of removing oneself from the stream of Jewish history – like the second of the four children at the Passover Seder table – which is the cardinal misstep in the march of Jewish continuity. Our finest moments and our most exalted heroes emerge when an individual steps up to the needs of the hour in order to ensure the continued vitality of our collective future, just as Queen Esther, the hero of this month's festival of Purim, stepped up at the pivotal hour to stand with her people. The eternal litmus test of Jewish commitment is found in our willingness to announce ourselves as stakeholders in our people's well-being.

Park Avenue Synagogue is at a pivotal juncture requiring action from us all. Unlike Esther, however, our present needs are precipitated not by crisis but by historic opportunity. Through the inspired and sustained efforts of our lay and professional leadership, the educational, spiritual, and social dimensions of our community continue to grow in substance and breadth, affecting more and more of our congregants each day. Our mission to "inspire, educate, and support our membership towards living passion-filled Jewish lives" resounds to great effect, and congregants are voting with their feet. In order to go from strength to strength, it is incumbent upon us to build the physical structure capable of housing the hopes and dreams we share for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren. We are that bridge connecting the Jewish past and future.

As you will read on the facing page, we have launched a capital campaign, *A Synagogue in Action:* Building the Future. Excited as we are to reflect on our initial progress, the true test of this campaign will be measured in our collective response. No different than the construction of the Israelites' desert tabernacle, this effort calls on every household to give with a willing and open heart. It has been nothing short of breathtaking to bear witness and participate in the vision, labor, and philanthropic commitment demonstrated already towards making this vision a reality. While the capacity of every household will be different, our communal strength will be evidenced by every PAS household participating, stepping up to stand together in this multi-generational venture.

Owing to the efforts of our past and present leadership, we are living through a time of unprecedented congregational opportunity. In order to leverage these blessings towards the future, we must all understand ourselves as stakeholders in this endeavor. As Mordecai said to Esther: "Who knows, perhaps it was for just this occasion that you have attained your position." May we all respond to the calling of the hour with a generosity of spirit and deed, as befits our people's highest ideals.

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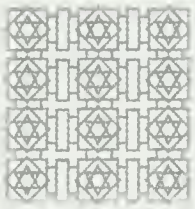

Park Avenue Synagogue

A Synagogue in Action:
Building the Future

One Community
One Campus
One Vision

As the cornerstone Jewish institution present throughout our lives, the synagogue holds a unique place in our hearts. Park Avenue Synagogue seeks to be a model and laboratory for how to live Jewishly in America – as active members of secular society, while anchored in the spiritual, intellectual and communal treasures of our people. Judging from the overwhelming increase in involvement in the synagogue, it's working! Judaism is "happening" every day at Park Avenue Synagogue. As more and more congregants engage with our community to learn, worship, and build relationships, our needs have evolved and the demands on our facilities have grown. We are now "bursting at the seams" – and not just on the High Holidays! In response, Park Avenue Synagogue has launched a capital campaign: *A Synagogue in Action:* Building the Future.

To better serve our vibrant community and build on the achievements of our predecessors, we need additional space and a refurbished home. We have purchased what will become our new Lifelong Learning Center on East 89th Street and have developed detailed plans to renovate our 87th Street building. Recently, all members of our community were mailed a folder containing materials which lay out the vision and plans for the new Park Avenue Synagogue campus in greater detail. We hope you will take the time to explore the entire package and look at the Glimpse into the Future and the Frequently Asked Questions. Over two hundred families have already made investments in the new campus, giving us the confidence to embark on this ambitious plan. We need everyone's support, however, to reach our goals. Our objectives for the campaign are three-fold: to reach our fundraising targets, to build our community through broad participation in the campaign, and to continue to care for our shared future as prior generations did for us. Just as those who came before set the stage for us, we believe it is now our responsibility to address the current and future needs of Park Avenue Synagogue. We invite each and every one of you to be part of our shared legacy.

Please read future issues of the Bulletin for monthly updates on our progress, and mark your calendar to attend one of two Town Hall Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 12 and Wednesday, May 18, when we will be pleased to address your questions.

Art Penn, Chairman
Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove
Andrea Baumann Lustig, Chair, Capital Campaign
Marc Becker, Co-chair, Space Needs Committee
Beryl P. Chernov, Executive Director

pasyn.org/giving CLICK ON "CAPITAL CAMPAIGN" TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR EXCITING PLANS.

Weekday minyan: Shaharit Monday–Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays at 9:00 am. **Ma'ariv** Sunday–Thursday at 5:45 pm. Shabbat minha 20 minutes after the end of morning services. For the schedule of Congregational School Shabbat Experiences, see p. 4.

Friday, March 4 • 24 Adar 1

5:00 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat for Families with Young Children (p. 10)
6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat
7:15 pm | Ramah Minyan

Saturday, March 5 • 25 Adar 1

Parashat Va-yak·hel
Shabbat Sh'kalim
9:15 am | Sanctuary service
Bat Mitzvah of Lily Zuckerman
20 minutes after services | Minha

Thursday, March 10 • 30 Adar 1

Rosh Hodesh
7:15 am | Morning minyan with Hallel, Torah reading and Musaf

Friday, March 11 • 1 Adar 2

Rosh Hodesh
7:15 am | Morning minyan with Hallel, Torah reading and Musaf
6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, March 12 • 4 Adar 1

Parashat P'kudei
9:15 am | Sanctuary service
Bat Mitzvah of Lana Wagner
9:30 am | Havurah
The Havurah is a lay-led, child-friendly service for individuals and families of all ages who want an intimate and informal prayer experience. We invite people of all skill levels to participate by leading part of the service, reading Torah or Haftarah or by facilitating a Torah discussion.
11:15 am | Tot Tefillah (p. 10)
20 minutes after services | Minha
5:30 pm | Late Minha
Bat Mitzvah of Talia Shapiro

Friday, March 18 • 9 Adar 2

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat
7:30 pm | Shabbat Dinner Series with Rabbi Jack Moline

Saturday, March 19 • 10 Adar 2

Parashat Va-yikra/Shabbat Zakhor
9:15 am | Sanctuary service
Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Hess
11:15 am | Tot Tefillah
20 minutes after services | Minha
12:30 pm | Rabbi Jack Moline lecture

Friday, March 25 • 15 Adar 2

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, March 26 • 16 Adar 2

Parashat Tzav
9:15 am | Sanctuary service
11:00 am | K-7 Family Shabbat Service
20 minutes after services | Minha

Purim 5776 at PAS

Wednesday, March 23

6:00 pm | Pre-Purim Pizza Party for Grade K-7 Families (p. 12)
7:00 pm | Purim Spiel
8:00 pm | Megillah reading
Don't miss the chance to be silly in synagogue! Come in costume as your favorite character from a Broadway musical . . . a character from the Megillah . . . a character in the Torah . . . a character in Jewish history . . . any character . . . or as yourself, wearing a flamboyant hat, an outrageous tie, a cape, or a crown.

Thursday, March 24

7:15 am | Morning services with Megillah all over again and Torah reading
12:00 pm | Purim Se'udah
The merriment continues. Visit pasyn.org to sign up for the Purim se'udah. Wear that outrageous hat again, and come prepared to sing a silly song, parrot a preposterous parody, or just to enjoy a festive lunch and laugh at the goings-on.

Sunday, March 27

11:15 pm | YFE Purim Service & Mini Megillah (p. 10)
11:30 am | Purim Carnival open for children who need a quieter and sensory-friendly environment
12:00 pm | Purim Carnival open to everyone
More merriment at a midday Purim celebration for our young merrymakers in preschool–Grade 2. Teens, see page 15 for an invitation to help with the Carnival.

Purim Carnival 5776

PAS clergy will preach and conduct services, with Colin Fowler at the organ; the Synagogue Choir: Ena Freeman, Yonah Gershator, Alex Guerrero, and Tim Krol; and the Synagogue Band: Gil Smuskowitz, bass; Mike Cohen, woodwinds; and Ronen Itzik, percussion. Abe Lebovic is our regular Torah Reader, and Mark Fraier is our Ritual Director.

Can't make it to the synagogue? Park Avenue Synagogue sanctuary services are live streamed. Visit pasyn.org/webcast.

Synagogue Family

בני מצוה BNEI MITZVAH

Lily Zuckerman
March 5 | *Va-yak·hel*
Daughter of Rabbi Rachel Aranoff and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Lana Wagner
March 12 | *P'kudei*
Daughter of Diana & Don Wagner

Talia Shapiro
March 12, minha | *Va-yikra*
Daughter of Deborah & Steven Shapiro

Jacob Hess
March 19 | *Va-yikra*
Son of Diane & David Hess

ברוכים הבאים WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Caryn Jacobs & Daniel Cedarbaum
Amy & Gary Churgin
Deborah Ginsberg
Dora Kooby
Stacey & Glen Kopp
Erica Temel & Max Levine
Rachel Ringler & Seth Siegel
Reggy Sonsino
Lisa Cantos & Jonathan Weidman

מזל טוב MAZAL TOV

Lynne & Joel Mesznik on the engagement of their daughter Kara Mesznik to Robert Katz, and to the young couple

Vanessa Giuliani & Camilo Martinez on the birth of a son, Fabian Camilo Martinez

Beth Levick on being awarded International Director Certification by the Florence Melton School for Adult Jewish Learning

Natasha & Robert Boucai on the birth of a daughter, Allegra Renee Boucai, and to big brother Joshua

המקום ינחם CONDOLENCES

Family and friends of Leon Heller, husband of Susan Heller, *z"l*

Amy & Robert Bressman on the loss of her mother, Joan Beren

Miki Kagan & Sheldon Werdiger on the loss of his father, David Werdiger

Ellen Braverman & Morton Mackof on the loss of her mother, Barbara Braverman

Susan & Harry Wagner on the loss of her sister, Marlene Barri

Rosanne & Guy Lander on the loss of his mother, Pearl Lander

Andrea & Robert Meislin on the loss of her father, David Popowich

Weekly Classes

For additional information about classes listed here, please look in the Winter/Spring Program Catalog or on www.pasyn.org.

To register for Adult Education classes and events, unless otherwise noted in the description, go to pasyn.org and click on "Adult Education." On the left side of the page, click on "Classes" or on the event and then on the appropriate registration link. Those without Internet access may call Beth Levick at 212-369-2600, x146.

MONDAY

Siddur Hebrew 2
Mar 7, 14, 28 | 6:30 pm | Marga Hirsch

Shulhan Ivrit
Mar 14 | 7:00 pm | Varda Hubara

The Edmond de Rothschild Library

www.pasyn.org/rothschildlibrary
Director: Marga Hirsch

Browse the library's online catalog, and stop by to check out books, DVDs, and CDs. The collection is organized in the Elazar system, designed especially for Jewish libraries. The labels look like Dewey Decimal numbers, but the books are organized according to Jewish categories.

March Library Hours
Monday | 12:00–6:00 pm
Tues., Wed., Thurs. | 12:00–6:30 pm
Friday | by appointment

Note following class hour closures:
Wednesday | 6:45–9:00 pm
Thursday | 9:15–10:30 am

The Edmond de Rothschild Library
Park Avenue Synagogue

TUESDAY

Essential Essays
8:00 am, immediately after minyan | Rabbi Cosgrove

Contemporary Jewish Thought
11:30 am | Marga Hirsch and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Adult Bat Mitzvah
Mar 8, 15, 29 | 6:30 pm | Cantor Shira Lissek and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

WEDNESDAY

Traveling Down Siddur Lane: An Exploration of Prayers
8:00 am, after morning minyan | Abe Lebovic

the florence melton school of adult jewish learning
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Mysticism and Kabbalah: Secret Knowledge in Judaism
Mar 9, 16, 30 | 6:30 pm | Rabbi David Kalb

Shemot II: Revelation and Revolution
Mar 9, 16, 30 | 6:30 pm | Rabbi Shmuel Afek

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Year 1
Mar 9, 16, 30 | 6:45 pm | Rabbi Shmuel Afek and Rabbi Charlie Savenor

Jewish Choices for Jewish Children
Mar 9 | 7:00 pm | Debbie Cosgrove

Sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly
Exploring Judaism
Mar 9, 16, 30 | 7:00 pm | Congregation Ansche Chesed | Rabbi Joel Shaiman

THURSDAY

No morning classes on March 24, Purim

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Year 2
9:15 am | Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Beyond Borders: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict
9:15 am | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Mysticism and Kabbalah: Secret Knowledge in Judaism
9:15 am | Rabbi David Kalb

Foundations of Jewish Family Living: Jewish Values for Parents to Share with Their Children
Mar 3, 17, 31 | 9:20 am | Debbie Cosgrove

Library Lunch & Learn
12:00 pm
Mar 3 | Joshua Jacobs
Mar 10 | Insights from Israel via Skype with Rabbi Michael Graetz
Mar 17 | Liz Offenbach
Mar 24 | No session; Purim Se'udah **(see p. 4)**
Mar 31 | TBA

Sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly
Exploring Judaism
Final class Mar 17 | 7:00 pm | at Sutton Place Synagogue | Rabbi William Plevan

FRIDAY

Daf HaShavua: Weekly Talmud Study
8:00 am, immediately after minyan | Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky

SATURDAY

Parashat HaShavua | 8:45 am

This Month at PAS

Prophetic Power & Politics: How People of Faith Can Bring Healing & Justice to our World
Rabbi Jonah Pesner
Tuesday | March 1
6:00 pm | Teen Program
7:00 pm | Lecture

Midtown Lunch & Learn
Bible Stories You Didn't Learn in Congregational School
Mar 2, 9, 16, 23 | 12:30-1:30 pm | Rabbi Charles Savenor

Purim Spiel Rehearsals
Thursdays | Mar 3, 17 | 7:00 pm
Sundays | Mar 6, 13, 20 | 10:30 am

Our Values, Our Country: How Jewish Values Shape American Life
Thursdays | March 3, 17, 31 | 8:00 pm | Bryan Wexler, Rabbinical Intern

Equality, Education and Business Ethics – three inherently Jewish and American values. Learn what Jewish tradition teaches about these values and how we as American Jews have come to integrate them into our everyday lives.

Cost: Free/members; $36/general

Caffeine for the Soul: Morning Torah Study
Friday | March 4 | 9:15 am
Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Fiddler on the Roof
Sunday | March 6 | 3:00 pm
Sold Out

Sponsored by Women's Network
Cooking in the Kehillah: Not Your Mother's Macaroons
Monday | Mar 7 | 6:45 pm

Second in a 3-part series. Come to one or all.

RSVP to wamensnetwork@pasyn.org ta receive locatian.

Cosponsored by UJA-Federation of NY, UJA@PAS & other Manhattan synagogues
Communities of Character: A Conversation with David Brooks
Monday | March 7 | 7:00 pm | The Temple Emanu-El Skirball Center, 1 E. 65th St.

"Most of the time, character is not an individual accomplishment. It emerges through joined hearts and souls, and in groups." David Brooks, New York Times *op-ed columnist*

Enjoy a community-wide conversation with David Brooks about the bonds that unite us in an increasingly divisive time. Brooks will share his reflections on character, gratitude, and how we can magnify the best in ourselves and in each other. He will also engage in dialogue with UJA-Federation CEO Eric Goldstein about finding common ground and fostering collective purpose.

Cost: $18/persan (a charitoble contributian to UJA-Federation af NY)

To register, visit www.ujafedny.org/dovid-broaks

Women's Network Film Series
Tuesday | Mar 8 | 1:00 pm

The Sturgeon Queens tells the story of the legendary appetizing business Russ & Daughters that has operated in NYC for more than 100 years.

The Challenge of Living with a Hyphenated Identity
Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove
Tuesday | Mar 8 | 6:30 pm | Second of four monthly sessions

12th Annual
Gala 2016/5776
Making Music and Memories: An Evening Celebrating PAS and Honoring Cantor Azi Schwartz
Thursday | March 10 | 6:30 pm

Knit and Nosh
Wednesday | Mar 16 | 9:15 am

RSVP ta tikkunalam@pasyn.org.

Cosponsored by Partners in Caring via DOROT and The Jewish Board, PAS, Sutton Place Synagogue, and KJ
Striving for Health and Well-being: The Journey to Overcome Challenges Jewish Genetic Diseases
Wednesday | Mar 16 | 6:30 pm | at KJ, 125 E. 85th St.

RSVP by Mar 14 to Shira Felberbaum, sacial worker from The Jewish Baord, 212-632-4735 ar sfelberbaum@jbfcs.arg.

Women in the Bible
Friday | Mar 18 | 9:15 am | Debbie Cosgrove

This Month at PAS

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Shabbat Dinner Series

Rabbi Jack Moline, Executive Director, Interfaith Alliances

Friday | March 18 | 7:30 pm
6:00 pm | Conversation with PAS Teens
6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat
7:30 pm | "A Rabbi's Adventure in the Bill of Rights"

Saturday | March 19
12:30 pm | "A Guide to Political Value from the Mishnah"

Mitzvah Monday

Monday | Mar 21 | 11:30 am

Tutor disadvantaged students, ages 3-6, at Head Start. Subjects include reading, basic math, and others.

RSVP to Nessa Liben at libenn@ujafedny. org or 212-836-1173.

Passover Ritual Object Workshop

Wednesday | March 23 | 9:15 am
Thursday | March 24 | 6:30 pm

The Rothschild Library & the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning at PAS present

Purim Se'udah

Thursday | March 24 | 12:00 pm |
See p. 4

Sholem Aleichem Yiddish Club

Thursday | March 24 | 12:00 pm

Yiddish Club will join in the Purim Se'udah with PAS members and staff. (See p. 4.) If you can tell a joke in Yiddish or sing a funny Yiddish song, *ale di beser!*

Sponsored by the Women's Network and the Rothschild Library

Daytime Book Discussion Group

Monday | Mar 28 | 11:00 am |
Facilitator: Sherry Cohen
***The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant**

Sponsored by the Rothschild Library

Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday | Mar 28 | 8:00 pm |
Facilitator: Pat Davidson
***The Sea Beach Line* by Ben Nadler**

Caring Network

Supporting congregants and their families during times of transition, the Caring Network offers solace during times of illness, suffering, loss, and grief, and also reaches out to families during times of joy. If you or someone you know needs assistance from the Caring Network, or if you would like to volunteer, please *contact Rabbi Neil Zuckerman at nzuckerman@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x124.*

A service of The Jewish Board

Social Work Support for PAS Members and Their Families

Tuesdays | By appointment | Shira Felberbaum, LMSW

For more information or to make an appointment, contact Shira Felberbaum at sfelberbaum@jbfcs.org or 212-632-4735, or contact Rabbi Zuckerman.

A service of DOROT

Social Work Support for PAS Seniors, Families and Their Caregivers

By appointment | Yael Kornfeld, LMSW

For more information or to make an appointment, contact Yael Kornfeld at ykornfeld@dorotusa.org or 212-769-2850, or contact Rabbi Zuckerman.

Do good.
Feel good.

PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE
Tikkun Olam

Sponsored by Tikkun Olam

Project Prom Collection Drive

Monday–Friday | Feb 29–Mar 4

Donate special occasion dresses, shoes, accessories, and unopened cosmetics for low-income high school girls in New York City.

Plan ahead: To volunteer as a personal shopper during the Project Prom shopping boutique at Temple Emanu-El on Wednesday and Thursday, April 6-7, email tikkunolam@pasyn.org.

Gallery

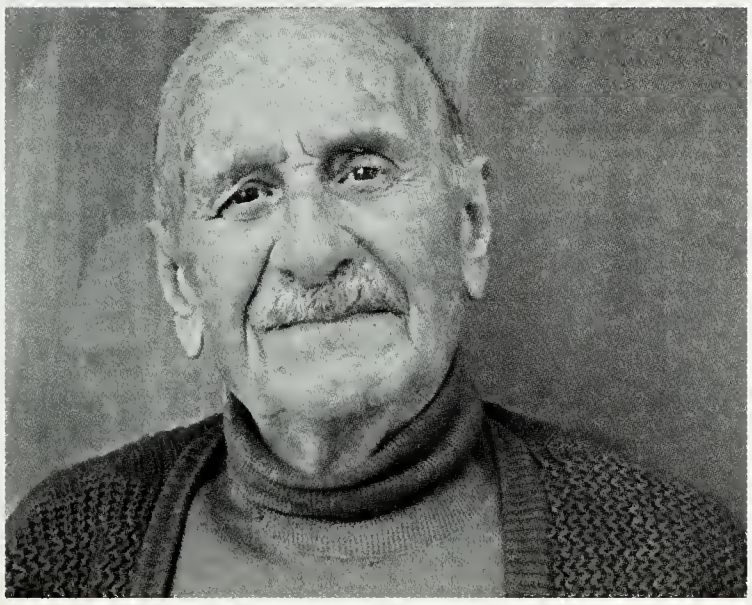
2nd floor

Seeing Ourselves in the Other
Besa: Albanian Muslim Rescuers During the Holocaust
Photographs by Norman Gershman
January–April

When post-World War II Europe found itself devastated by the loss of its Jewish population, Albania was the only country where there were more Jewish people than had lived there prior to the Holocaust. Over 2,000 Jews from Albania, Greece, Austria, and Italy were hidden in the homes of Albanian Muslim families throughout the War. Norman Gershman, an American photographer fascinated by these stories, traveled to Albania and Kosovo to chronicle the tales of the righteous Albanians and their devotion to *Besa*, an Albanian code of honor which means "to keep the promise."

Each portrait is accompanied by a personal statement of the individual's honorable act. Through subtle portraiture, Gershman communicates the honor, faith, and altruism of Albanian rescuers during the Holocaust.

As the world grapples with today's crises, this exhibition invites us to find inspiration in seeing ourselves both as those seeking refuge and as those who have the power to grant it.



FROM THE RITA AND GEORGE M. SHAPIRO AUDIO ARCHIVE

In Memory of Rabbi Milton Steinberg, *z"l*

SUZANNE AISENBERG, CHAIR, ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

Rabbi Milton Steinberg, who led Park Avenue Synagogue from September 1933 until his untimely death at age 46 on March 20, 1950, was deeply beloved by our congregation and greatly admired by rabbinic colleagues and scholars. In the October 19, 1951 edition of *The Reconstructionist*, Rabbi Simon Noveck, who succeeded Rabbi Steinberg on the PAS bimah, wrote that Steinberg's more than 1,000 pages of published sermons, sociological and theological writings, and fiction "constitute a kind of spiritual legacy ... for our generation." Noveck continues:

His purpose was less to inform than to awaken the mind, not so much to teach as to have the listener learn by being intellectually creative. Therefore he never gave a conclusion, but always presented alternative possibilities, sharing his thoughts with the audience until his point of view gradually unfolded.

Begun in the early 1950s, the Shapiro Audio Archive does not contain recordings of Rabbi Steinberg speaking on the pulpit. It does include sermons and remarks by many renowned scholars who paid tribute to Rabbi Steinberg on his yahrzeit. Among them are recordings of Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan ("The Contribution of Reconstructionism to World Jewry"), Dr. Abram Sachar ("The Pentateuch of Life"), Dr. Seymour Siegel ("Milton Steinberg – Thinker, Writer, Leader – 20 Years After") and Arthur A. Cohen ("What Is Living and What Is Dead in the Thought of Milton Steinberg"). To hear excerpts from these recordings, visit pasyn.org. Under Resources click on Archives and then on Shapiro Audio Archives.

Youth Education & Events

For additional information about all youth events, please look in the Winter/Spring Program Catalog or on pasyn.org.

Young Family Education | Please note: YFE Toddler and Afterschool classes will not meet March 21-25.

For latest information, sign up to receive Young Family Education email. Visit pasyn.org and click on Email Sign up. Questions? Contact Malka Lowenstein, Director of YFE, at mlowenstein@pasyn.org or x140.

To register for any YFE program, go to pasyn.org and click on Young Family Education. Under Upcoming Events, click on the event. For dinners, cancellations with refund (or credit towards another dinner) are possible until the Wednesday before.

SHABBAT & HOLIDAY WORSHIP & PROGRAMS

Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner for Families with Young Children
Friday | Mar 4 | Service, 5:00 pm, Dinner, approx. 5:30 pm

Children with March birthdays will receive a birthday blessing and a small gift.

Cost: $45/members; $50/general; $20/children

NEW! **Library for Littles: Storytime in the Rothschild Library**
with Malka Lowenstein and PAS Librarian Marga Hirsch
Wednesday | Mar 9 | 9:15–9:35 am | For age 1 & and up with an adult

Gear up for Purim with a story embellished with music and puppets. Stay afterwards to schmooze and browse the library.

Shirat Shabbat
Fridays | Mar 11, 25 | 9:10 am | with Rabbi Witkovsky and Malka Lowenstein | For age 3 & under with an adult

Prepare to welcome Shabbat. We will sing, dance, play rhythm instruments and tell stories.

Tot Tefillah: YFE Shabbat Services
Saturdays | Mar 12, 19 | 11:15 am | with Rabbi Witkovsky and Malka Lowenstein

Young Family Purim Service
Sunday | Mar 27 | 11:15 am | Families with children 0–6

Join Rabbi Witkovsky, Eliana Light, and Malka Lowenstein for a musical Purim service and mini-Megillah reading.

Purim Carnival
Sunday | Mar 27
11:30 am | Open for children who need a quieter and sensory-friendly environment
12:00 pm | Open to everyone

NEW CLASS IN THE FALL
Shalom Shtayim (Hello Twos)

For details and to register, visit pasyn.org/youngfamilyeducation

PASECC

A New Brochure

FROM PAMELA B. SCHWARTZ, DIRECTOR

Since I came to the ECC in Summer 2014, I have thought about how best to present our school both within PAS and to the community outside the synagogue. Our monthly reports in the Bulletin have been one way of telling the PAS family about our school. Last month I realized a milestone in bringing my vision for the ECC to the community at large with the publication of a new ECC brochure with descriptions and pictures that capture the vibrancy, warmth and depth of our school and the learning that occurs here. I am excited to think about all the families we will meet and the children we will educate because they will learn about our school from this brochure.

The brochure resulted from a successful collaboration of many individuals. I thank all of them for helping to express my vision for the ECC.

To see the brochure, visit pasyn.org; under Lifelong Learning click on Early Childhood Center, scroll down the page, and click on the PDF.

For program details and up-to-date information about the school's schedule, please rely on the weekly school newsletter.

Be Happy, It's Adar! Purim is Coming!

FROM JENNIFER STERN GRANOWITZ, DIRECTOR

This month we celebrate Purim. You may be familiar with the Purim story, as we read it every year in *Megillat Esther*, the scroll of Esther, which we usually just call "The Megillah." The story is like a fairy tale – with a king and a queen, an evil advisor with wicked plans and a wise advisor who turns things around. But we can also read the story as a lesson in how to live with a hyphenated identity. The heroine of the story, Esther, has to negotiate living as a Jewish Persian. First she hides the Jewish part of herself entirely, changing her name from Hadassah to Esther and not telling anyone she's Jewish. Then she reveals her true self and saves the Jewish community. Because of that happy ending, we celebrate Purim today.

Celebrating Purim – and other Jewish holidays – is one way that we balance the scale of our own hyphenated identities as Jewish Americans. It is an opportunity to "do Jewish" at home, in the synagogue, and anywhere you find yourself.

At the end of the Megillah, Esther and her Uncle Mordechai declare that Purim should be a holiday celebrated every year, and they say how to celebrate:

- Exchange gifts of food and drink with friends: *mishloah manot*
- Give money to the poor: *matanot la-evyonim*
- Have a joyous feast: *se'udat Purim*
- Tell the Purim story by reading the Megillah: *kriat ha-megillah*

Purim begins on Wednesday evening, March 23 and goes all day on Thursday, March 24. At PAS, we will celebrate on Wednesday evening with the pre-Purim pizza banquet, Purim Spiel, and Megillah reading; on Thursday with a Purim se'udah for adults; and on Sunday, March 27, with the YFE Purim Service and the Purim Carnival (see p. 4).

If you will be away on Purim, I encourage you to find a synagogue or Jewish Community Center wherever you will be and join in Purim fun there. If you can't be at a synagogue, you can still make Purim part of your vacation. Tell or act out the story of Esther among yourselves, enjoy an especially festive meal, or give money to a local charity. Celebrate, be joyful and express the Jewish side of your hyphenated identity! Send us a picture of your Purim celebration. We'll post it on our blog and also hang it up in our hallways at PAS.

Happy Purim!

Youth Education & Events

Congregational School

For program details and up-to-date information about the school's schedule, please rely on the weekly school newsletter.

Schedule of Congregational School & Youth Events

Thursday | Mar 3 | 5:45–7:00 pm | Vav (Grade 6) Bnei Mitzvah Family Program

Saturday | Mar 5 | Shabbat Experience Programs
10:00 am–12:00 pm | Gimel, Dalet, Hey, & Vav (3–6) Learners | PAS
11:00 am–12:00 pm | Gan, Alef & Bet (K–2) Family Shabbat Experience | Liederkranz

Saturday | Mar 12 | Shabbat Experience Program
10:00 am–12:00 pm | Gimel, Dalet, Hey, & Vav (3–6) Learners | PAS

Sunday | Mar 13 | 4:00 pm | Hamantashen Bake-off (see p. 15)

Tuesday | Mar 15 | 4:45–5:45 pm | Becoming a Better Parent One Story at a Time:
Using Stories to Raise Mensches with Rabbi Savenor

Saturday–Thursday | Mar 19–24 | Spring Break | No CS classes or Shabbat Experience Programs

Wednesday | Mar 23 | 6:00 pm | Pre-Purim Pizza Party for K–7 Families | See below

Saturday | Mar 26 | 11:00 am | K–7 Family Service (CS & Dayschool)

Sunday | Mar 27 | Purim Carnival
11:30 am | Open for children who need a quieter and sensory-friendly environment
12:00 pm | Open to everyone

Monday | Mar 28 | Classes resume

PAS Youth Choir

Shabbat/Saturday | Mar 5, 12 | 9:30–9:55 am | Rehearsal

Open to children age 6 and up, the Youth Choir learns music and performs with our cantors at Shabbat and holiday services. *For more information, please contact Phyllis Spiro at pspiro@pasyn.org.*

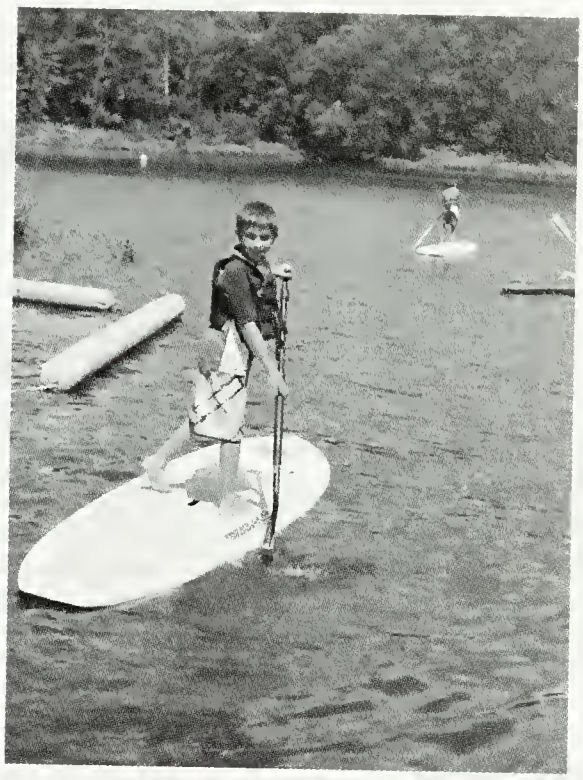
Pre-Purim Pizza Party for Grade K-7 Families

Wednesday | Mar 23 | 6:00 pm | For CS & Day School

What's the first thing that happens in the Megillah? The king has a banquet! What's the first thing you can do for Purim at PAS? A banquet with the PAS Grade K-7 community sponsored by the Congregational School Parents Association. Eat pizza like royalty, then stay for the Purim spiel and Megillah reading.

Cost: $12/adult; $8/child; $36/up to 5 people

Sign up on pasyn.org by Tuesday, March 22 at 9:00 am.



POSTCARD FROM CAMP

Camper Profile: Jordan Klein

For 10-year-old Jordan Klein, a 5th grader, Jewish summer camp is about hanging out with friends and jumping in the lake. He described his experiences at Camp Nah-Jee-Wah, an overnight camp in Milford, Pennsylvania. where he has been a camper for two summers.

Jordan's favorite camp activity: The lake, "because my friend and I go together."

A typical camp day: Wake up at 7:30; clean the bunk and get dressed. Breakfast, where "there's lots of junky cereal." Then athletics: "I usually choose tennis." Next, an elective period; then swimming either in the lake or the pool. Following rest hour, there's lunch, featuring "cheering and fun." Another elective period is next, then a bunk "wildcard" activity. Next comes showering and playtime, then dinner, when "the different divisions compete for who has the most spirit." After a nighttime activity with the whole age group, there is more playtime, and then lights out. "One of my favorite evening activities was when our division had to steal supplies from an older division so we could watch a movie."

Best camp memory: "Color war breakout was awesome! Two sword-fighters fought, and they told us campers this was instead of color war, but then in the end, they stopped and the color war captains came on the field."

What I miss during the year: "The freedom of having endless time to play with my friends."

For information on Jewish camps, please contact co-chairs Chana Zimmerman (chana.zimmerman@gmail.com) and Vanessa Waye (vanessa@aurwaye.com) or Director of the Congregational School, Jennifer Stern Granowitz (jgranowitz@pasyn.org).

PAS Family Retreat for Grades K-7
Friday, May 13–Sunday, May 15 | at Camp Zeke, Lakewood, PA | For CS & Day School
Shabbat can be worship. Shabbat can be games. Shabbat can be learning. Shabbat can be a hike in the woods. Shabbat can be singing together. Shabbat can be outdoors. Join the Grades K-7 community and PAS clergy and educators for a novel Shabbat Experience. Register on pasyn.org.

Youth Education & Events

PAS Teens & Youth

For more information and to register, see the Teen Weekly email or contact Hallie Chandler, hchandler@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x147.

Let's Learn

Rabbi Judah Nadich High School meets every Wednesday evening with different mini-courses taking place every few weeks. Please register via the Teen Weekly email.

Continuing mini-course
Israel with Rabbi Zuckerman
Wednesdays | Mar 2, 9, 16 | 6:00 pm
The roots of conflict and the hopes for peace. Learn from Arabs, Israelis, professors and other students about contemporary conflicts in Israel.

For Grades 11 & 12 only
Leading on Campus
Wednesday | Mar 2 | 6:00 pm | at Shaaray Tefila
Join the teens at Temple Shaaray Tefila for an introduction to the myriad of Jewish engagement opportunities on campus as well as to the Israel-related challenges you may find there and best practices for meeting those challenges. Take the opportunity to talk about your hopes and fears as you anticipate being on a college campus.

For 8th graders
Rosh Hodesh, It's a Girl Thing
Monday | Mar 7 | 6:00 pm
Led by Hallie Chandler, this experiential education group cultivates Jewish identity with fun communal experiences. The group provides a safe space to be together while addressing topics such as leadership, self-esteem, friendship, competition, power and pleasure.

For 8th graders
Shevet Achim, Brotherhood
TBA
Led by Daniel Sternberg, this experiential education group cultivates Jewish identity with fun communal experiences. The group provides a safe space to be together while addressing topics such as leadership, self-esteem, friendship, competition, power and pleasure.

For Grades 11 & 12 only
Late Night with Rabbi Witkovsky
Wednesday | Mar 9 | 7:30 pm
Join the rabbi in his office once a month for a discussion of the most interesting topics of today, tomorrow, and hundreds of years ago. No prior knowledge needed. Please bring friends, whether they are PAS members or not.

Parent and Teen Shabbat Study with Rabbi Cosgrove
Saturday | Mar 12 | 4:00–5:00 pm
Post-Bnei Mitzvah learners and their parents are invited to meet at Rabbi Cosgrove's apartment for study, schmoozing, snacks and Shabbat fun!

New mini-course
Jews of New York with Hallie Chandler and Rabbi Witkovsky
Wednesdays | Mar 30, Apr 6, 13, 20 | 6:00 pm
There are nearly 1.1 million Jews living in NYC. What's their story, and what's yours? Visit Jewish sights, hear from Jewish organizations, and experience Jewish happenings all around our remarkable city.

Let's Lead

PASTA (Park Avenue Synagogue Teaching Assistants)
Working | Monday–Thursday | 4:00–6:00 pm | Flexible time slots
Training | Thursday | Mar 10 | 6:00 pm
There are positions available to work as a *madrich/a* (assistant teacher) in our Congregational School. Each *madrich/a* will be matched with a mentor teacher and will partner with them to help our youngest PAS learners on their Jewish journeys. *For more information, or to sign up, please email Pam Slifer, Assistant Director of the Congregational School, at pslifer@pasyn.org*

Teen A Cappella
Saturdays | Mar 12, 19 | 4:00 pm | at Cantor Azi Schwartz's home
Spend an hour on Shabbat afternoon with friends who like to sing, schmooze and snack.

Rock Band
Thursdays | 6:00 pm
Exploring contemporary Jewish music, this group plays and sings together. *To learn more, contact Eliana Light at elight@pasyn.org.*

Let's Do

PAS Food Pantry
PACKING
Wednesdays | 4:00 pm
DISTRIBUTION
Fridays | 3:45 pm

Contact co-directors Adam First, Matthew Goren, or Caroline Silver, or volunteer coordinator Davis Haupt on the PAS Food Pantry Facebook page for more information.

Purim Carnival Set-up & Activities
Sunday | Mar 27 | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Come in the morning to set up the Purim carnival. Stay to run booths, paint faces, give prizes, and play music. Stay longer (or come later) to help clean up. Eat Hamantashen all morning and afternoon while you earn community service hours for your time! Sign up for time slots by contacting Hallie.

Let's Go

Cream, Crumbs, or Cocoa with Hallie
Anytime!

Hallie Chandler invites anyone in grades 7–12 for an ice cream, a cupcake, or a drink of choice. Please take her up on it! She is eager to meet PAS teens and pre-teens. *If you would like to set up a time for yourself or volunteer a young person in your life to meet Hallie, please contact her at hchandler@pasyn.org. Her door is always open.*

Board Game Break
Saturday | Mar 12 | 1:00 pm

Hang with friends on Shabbat afternoon. Schmooze, snack, and don't let Hallie Chandler beat you at Settlers, Ticket to Ride, Trivial Pursuit, Pandemic, Jungle Speed or Bananagrams.

3rd-5th Grade
Hamentashen Bake-off
Sunday | Mar 13 | 4:00 pm

Think you can make the best hamentashen the PAS community has ever tasted? Come prove it! Team up with friends and bake away. Half the hamentashen we make will be given to a local senior home as *Mishloah Manot*

For students in grades 8-12 accompanied by a parent
AIPAC Conference in Washington, DC
Sunday–Tuesday | Mar 20-22

Teens and parents will join tens of thousands of pro-Israel Americans for the annual AIPAC Policy Conference. Learn about and discuss US policy and find out how you can strengthen the US-Israel relationship.

Sign up now!
Bnei Mitzvah Family Israel Trip | **December 17-27, 2016** | Visit pasyn.org for details.

PAS COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

PAS College Connections

Help us keep in touch with your student on campus! High school graduates remain part of the PAS family during their college years. They can receive emails with synagogue news, updates, and insights from PAS clergy and educators, plus holiday packages several times a year, including next month for Purim. *If you have not yet submitted your student's address, update it now on pasyn.org.*

PAS 20s and 30s

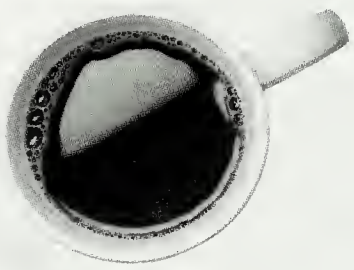
Join Shabbat dinner groups, small learning groups, events, and social action programs. Activities are open to all PAS 20s and 30s and their friends (synagogue membership not required). To see more activities, visit the synagogue website. *If you are interested in this new network, either for yourself or for a family member or friend, contact Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky, ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.*

Birthright with PAS
May 30 – June 9

It's your birthright to visit our people's homeland. Go on a free trip to Israel with Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky. This trip is open to anyone ages 22-26 who is eligible to go on Birthright. Their policies have recently expanded to take more people; if you are unsure if you're eligible, check with Rabbi Witkovsky at ewitkovsky@pasyn.org or the Birthright website. Registration now.

Coffee with a Rabbi Anytime

Rabbi Witkovsky invites anyone out for a cup of coffee (or stronger beverage). *If you would like to take him up on that, or if you would like to volunteer a 20- or 30-something in your life to have coffee, please contact the rabbi at ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.*



Ramah Minyan at PAS
Friday | Mar 4 | 7:15 pm

Come once a month for an open Friday evening with the Ramah Minyan. After a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat, stay for drinks and food. It's spiritual, it's social, it's ramahvelous! All are welcome.

BrainThirsty
Monday | Mar 7 | 7:45 pm

Your brain is thirsty; fill it with thought and beverages. Come once a month for drinks and discussion as we bring Jewish and non-Jewish sources to bear on big questions. Each session will focus on a different theme or idea, so if you miss one, you can catch the next one, no problem. It's like Flywheel for your brain. Feel free to bring friends. *If you would like to host your own group for your friends at an office or apartment, please contact Rabbi Witkovsky. New groups are forming all the time.*

Meals at the Mission
Sunday | Mar 13 | 5:30–7:00 pm

Serve a meal and a community. Head down to the Bowery Mission to help prepare and serve food.

Shabbat Dinner Any Week or Every Week
Fridays | 7:30 pm

If you would like to host a Shabbat dinner with the help of PAS and the online hub OneTable, or if you are interested in attending a Shabbat dinners hosted by Rabbi Witkovsky, please contact him at ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.

pasyn.org/calendar GET UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION ABOUT PAS PROGRAMS, EVENTS & SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT **WWW.PASYN.ORG/CALENDAR**.

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PASECC Invites All to

Celebrate Read Across America

On Wednesday, March 2, the PASECC will celebrate Read Across America, taking time to acknowledge the joy of reading and the magic of books. The children in the ECC are privileged to be surrounded both at school and at home by quality literature. All research points to how critical this is to children being ready to learn and ready to read.

For Read Across America – which takes place on Dr. Seuss's birthday – children will come to school in their pajamas and bring a pair of pajamas and a gently used or new book to donate to less fortunate children.

If you will be coming to the synagogue on March 2, please join our celebration. There will be a bin for children's books in the lobby. You don't have to come in PJs to contribute a book!

Happy Reading!

PAS Calendar of Events
March 2016 Adar 1/Adar 2 5776
Information is subject to change. Confirm at www.pasyn.org or with the office.

March

Be Happy, It's Adar!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 21 Adar 1 8:00 am Essential Essays 9:00 am Project Prom drive continues through Friday 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 6:00 pm Teens/Jonah Pesner 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah 7:00 pm Jonah Pesner lecture	**2** 22 Adar 1 8:00 am Siddur Lane 12:30 pm Midtown L&L 4:00 pm Food Pantry packing 6:00 pm Teen mini-course 6:00 pm Leading on Campus 6:30 pm Mysticism 6:30 pm Shemot II 6:45 pm Melton 1 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	**3** 23 Adar 1 9:15 am Melton 2 9:15 am Beyond Borders 9:15 am Mysticism 9:20 am Foundations 12:00 pm Library L&L 5:45 pm Vav BMtz Fam Prog 6:00 pm Rock Band 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism 7:00 pm Spiel Rehearsal 8:00 pm Our Values	**4** 24 Adar 1 Candles, 5:33 pm 8:00 am Daf HaShavua 9:15 am Caffeine for Soul 3:45 pm Food Pantry 5:00 pm YFE svce & dinner 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 pm Ramah Minyan	**5** 25 Adar 1 Va-yak·hel Shabbat Sh'kalim 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 9:30 am PAS Youth Choir 10:00 am CS Shabbat (3-6) 11:00 am CS Shabbat (K-2) 20 mins after svces Minha
6 26 Adar 1 10:30 am Spiel Rehearsal 3:00 pm Fiddler on the Roof	**7** 27 Adar 1 6:00 pm RH Girl Thing 6:30 pm Hebrew 2 6:45 pm WN Cooking Kehillah 7:00 pm Cmty Conv at Skirball 7:45 pm BrainThirsty	**8** 28 Adar 1 8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 1:00 pm WN Film Series 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah 6:30 pm Hyphenated Identity	**9** 29 Adar 1 8:00 am Siddur Lane 9:15 am Library Littles 12:30 pm Midtown L&L 4:00 pm Food Pantry packing 6:00 pm Teen mini-course 6:30 pm Mysticism 6:30 pm Shemot II 6:45 pm Melton 1 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism 7:00 pm J Choices J Chdrn 7:30 pm Late Night Rabbi W	**10** 30 Adar 1 Rosh Hodesh 9:15 am Melton 2 9:15 am Beyond Borders 9:15 am Mysticism 12:00 pm Insights from Israel 6:00 pm Rock Band 6:00 pm PASTA Training 6:30 pm 12th Annual Gala 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	**11** 1 Adar 2 Rosh Hodesh Candles, 5:41 pm 8:00 am Daf HaShavua 9:10 am Shirat Shabbat 3:45 pm Food Pantry 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	**12** 2 Adar 2 P'kudei 8:45 am P HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 9:30 pm Havurah 9:30 am PAS Youth Choir 10:00 am CS Shabbat (3-6) 11:15 am Tot Tefillah 20 mins after svces Minha 1:00 pm Board Game Break 4:00 pm Teen Shabbat Study 4:00 pm Teen A Cappella
13 3 Adar 2 10:30 am Spiel Rehearsal 4:00 pm Youth Hamentashen Bake-off 5:30 pm Meals at the Mission	**14** 4 Adar 2 6:30 pm Hebrew 2 7:00 pm Shulhan Ivrit	**15** 5 Adar 2 8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 4:45 pm CS Parent Wkshp 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah	**16** 6 Adar 2 8:00 am Siddur Lane 9:15 am Knit and Nosh 12:30 pm Midtown L&L 4:00 pm Food Pantry packing 6:00 pm Teen mini-course 6:00 pm Shevet Achim 6:30 pm J Genetic Diseases 6:30 pm Mysticism 6:30 pm Shemot II 6:45 pm Melton 1 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	**17** 7 Adar 2 9:15 am Melton 2 9:15 am Beyond Borders 9:15 am Mysticism 9:20 am Foundations 12:00 pm Library L&L 6:00 pm Rock Band 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism 7:00 pm Spiel Rehearsal 8:00 pm Our Values	**18** 8 Adar 2 Candles, 6:48 pm 8:00 am Daf HaShavua 9:15 am Women in Bible 3:45 pm Food Pantry 6:00 pm Teens/Rabbi Moline 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Dinner Series	**19** 9 Adar 2 Va-yikra Shabbat Zakhor 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 11:15 am Tot Tefillah 20 mins after svces Minha 12:30 pm Rabbi Moline lecture 4:00 pm Teen A Cappella
20 10 Adar 2 10:30 am Spiel Rehearsal AIPAC Conference in Washington, DC through Tuesday	**21** 11 Adar 2 11:30 am Mitzvah Monday	**22** 12 Adar 2 8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am J Contemp Thought	**23** 13 Adar 2 SPIEL! 8:00 am Siddur Lane 9:15 am Pesah Rit Obj Wkshp 12:30 pm Midtown L&L 4:00 pm Food Pantry packing 6:00 pm K-7 Fam Pizza Party 7:00 pm Purim Spiel 8:00 pm Megillah reading	**24** 14 Adar 2 7:15 am Morning Megillah 12:00 pm Purim Se'udah 6:00 pm Rock Band 6:30 pm Pesah Rit Obj Wkshp	**25** 15 Adar 2 Candles, 6:56 pm 8:00 am Daf HaShavua 9:10 am Shirat Shabbat 3:45 pm Food Pantry 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	**26** 16 Adar 2 Tzav 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 11:00 am K-7 Family Shabbat 20 mins after svces Minha
27 17 Adar 2 Purim Carnival 5776 11:15 am YFE Purim Service 11:30 am Quiet Purim Carnival 12:00 pm Purim Carnival for All	**28** 18 Adar 2 11:00 am Day Bk Discuss Grp 6:30 pm Hebrew 2 8:00 pm Eve Bk Discuss Grp	**29** 19 Adar 2 8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am J Contemp Thought 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah	**30** 20 Adar 2 8:00 am Siddur Lane 4:00 pm Food Pantry packing 6:00 pm Teen mini-course 6:30 pm Mysticism 6:30 pm Shemot II 6:45 pm Melton 1 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	**31** 21 Adar 2 9:15 am Melton 2 9:15 am Beyond Borders 9:15 am Mysticism 9:20 am Foundations 12:00 pm Library L&L 6:00 pm Rock Band 8:00 pm Our Values		

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A LOOK AHEAD | APRIL

A Conversation with Jonathan Greenblatt
Tuesday | April 5 | 7:00 pm

Sponsored by the Department of Adult Learning and the Women's Network
Women's Seder
Monday | April 11 | 6:30 pm

Capital Campaign Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday | April 12

Shabbat Dinner Series
Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the PAS Food Pantry
Friday | April 15 | 7:30 pm | with Rabbi Jennie Rosenn

Sponsored by the Departments of Adult Learning, Young Family Education, and Youth Programming & Engagement
Spring into the Spirit: Passover Art & Learning
Sunday | April 17 | 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Pesah 5776 at PAS
Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23 | Congregational Seders and YFE Seder